

HOUSE RESOLUTION 390  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the 21st Annual Franklin Main Street Festival, its organizers, and its participants.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are honored to specially recognize those annual events that provide quality family entertainment and whose organizers and contributors are dedicated to upholding family values; and

WHEREAS, Franklin's 21st Annual Main Street Festival is one such free and fun-filled event which took place on April 24 -25, 2004; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by First Tennessee financial institution and produced by the Downtown Franklin Association division of the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County, the Main Street Festival provided free family entertainment to more than 130,000 people from all over Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the festival attracted more than 230 artisans and crafts people from 20 states, and historic Main Street from First to Fifth Avenue was overflowing with a variety of activities, including stage entertainment, international food stands, a carnival, and exhibits in oil and watercolor paintings, pottery, jewelry, furniture, woodworking, ornamental iron, Appalachian-style baskets, stained glass, photography, home and garden accents, and leather work; and

WHEREAS, a special "Kids' Street" provided adventures for the kids, including a rock-climbing wall and other "extreme," but safe, games; and

WHEREAS, musical entertainment consisted of a Main Stage which featured a Saturday night street dance, a Jazz Stage at City Hall, a Bluegrass Stage at the courthouse, and R & B in the food court area; children and teens from Williamson County showcased their musical and dancing talents throughout the Festival; and

WHEREAS, proudly displaying historic Franklin's "Great American Main Street" A award winning restored downtown, the Annual Main Street Festival has been consistently listed as one of the Southeast's top 20 events by the Southeast Tourism Society and one of America's top 200 art/craft shows; and

WHEREAS, providing invaluable benefits to Franklin's historic district as well as standing tall as an exemplary pillar of wholesome entertainment and family values, the Annual Franklin Main Street Festival is a treasured event in this State; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize and honor the 21st Annual Franklin Main Street Festival and offer our gratitude to its organizers and its participants for their contributions to preserving the historic Main Street District of Franklin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.